

Dear Jim,

7/24/72

If I am always too busy for adequate response to any of my mail, today I have a different reason: my wife's sister and son are coming for dinner and it is close to that time.

Read your letter when it came and will first respond from recollection. Appreciate and would love to be able to accept your offer but see no possibility. Have no personal need to be in H.O. now and others things of higher priority. This can change but I don't anticipate that it will. If you drove to Houston, on your way back it would be helpful if you drop in on Louis Ivon and without giving him the date telling him I had written you to ask you to see him when you are in H.O. to see if there is anything I had asked him to xerox for which he had not had manpower. There are some court transcripts (Gervais) I've asked for several times, without response. I've also written Garrison. Figuring them out requires skills I didn't get in college.

And while you are in Houston, if you know your father is not a friend of Percy Foreman's to begin with and next will not mention what I will ask under any circumstances, I'd be interested in knowing if he knows of any Mafia-like cases Foreman has handled and if so, for whom and where and when. His is a different kind of law practise, but he may have heard.

Bremer: I share the questions about his unaccounted finances, the reported company he kept, and my own not asked by others of which I know, of the total incompetence of the FBI. I think they are not this way except by intent, and in this case such intent baffles me. I entirely disagree with Garrison's paranoia, which probably accounts for his periodic withdrawals from contact, and I most particularly do not believe there was again another distant gunman with a scoped rifle. It would have been a physical impossibility in this case even if the persuasive, really irrefutable, pictures did not exist. CBS' leave no possibility of question. Jim didn't even read the papers from the case he put out. Some of the bullets caused multiple wounds, not uncommon in close quarters. God! Imagine hitting Wallace in the gut when he was in a closely-packed crowd, from a distance and with a rifle yet!

Great that you can care for your mother. I take it a foot operation will not mean a long recovery. It should make you feel good and I imagine it is first-rate therapy for her, knowing her son cares that much....Where will you be going to work?

McG's promises: yes, I think he'll do what he can about excessive secrecy. But don't go for the Garrison-Lane-nut business of all the secrets being locked in the archives. Be sure the most important never got there and that many things having to do with the personal lives of people should not be disseminated.

Nothing new on me except that I daily get into new distractions I can't avoid and more bogged down, farthar from my preference of doing nothing but writing.

Ray: we are preparing a habeas corpus petition for federal court. If he wins he will go back to state court.

Sirhan didn't only "make boise". There is no doubt he fired all the shots his pistol would hold. The questions are did he fire all, did he fire the fatal, was he entirely alone?

Beneficiary attempt on Wallace: you are right, Nixon. Don't think Matt Herron got this close without phoning. Last I heard he was writing on another subject in Calif.

I do recall the story about the FBI's interest in your witness bag a paper at LSU, but until you have reasonable cause for believing it is being used against you, I can't think of anything you can do, and then you also probably can't. Just reread your Orwell.

TBBD arson: presume by local nuts, no connection with assassination or its investigation.

Rereading the T-P 6/7/72 story limits what I can say to insane and irresponsible. This is the kind of blabbing that causes people like Sylvia Neagher to say that a first-rate case can be made out for Garrison as a government agent. He destroys everyone's credibility and is untroubled by what may remain of his won.

Thanks and best,